

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 12-14, 16, 19 and 24 are under consideration. The Examiner has allowed claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 12-14, 16, 19 and 24.

Applicant has cancelled claim 8.

In view of the cancellation, the rejection of claim 8 is now moot.

Applicants respectfully assert the amendment places the claims in condition for allowance or in better form for appeal. The amendment does not introduce new matter, nor does it require a new search. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter the amendment.

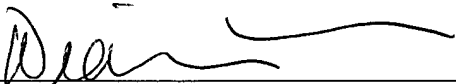
CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the above amendment fully resolves the Examiner's rejection. It is believed the present claims are in condition for allowance, and an early notification to that effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner feels there are additional outstanding issues, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (415) 781-1989.

Respectfully submitted,

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